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Osteopathy as a Career

The osteopathic profession is an uncrowded one and it is open equally to men and women. The value of osteopathic treatment is widely appreciated but there are still many towns and districts without an osteopath, where there is an open field for practice.

In the British Isles the osteopath is legally entitled under the Common Law to practise and to treat all complaints and conditions save those diseases which are notifiable. The course of training at the British School of Osteopathy is planned to equip its graduates for practice as osteopaths under these conditions.

The training is thorough and comprehensive both in general medicine and in osteopathic methods of treatment. *Materia medica* and major surgery are not included as these do not come within the province of the osteopath.

From the scope of his work the osteopath is really a general practitioner, though as a manipulative technician he is more of a specialist employing, as he does, methods which may be acquired only by scientific training and wide clinical experience.

Whilst the osteopathic profession has secured State recognition in America and Canada in common with orthodox medical practice, there is, as yet, no State recognition of osteopaths in Great Britain.

It must follow, therefore, that the professional status of the osteopath depends upon his qualification to practise, based upon the educational standard of his Diploma.

Standards of qualification are set by the General Council and Register of Osteopaths, a voluntary registration authority established in 1935 on the recommendation of the House of Lords Select Committee on Osteopathy.

Membership of the Register is open to graduates of the British School of Osteopathy and the recognised schools and colleges of osteopathy of America. The British School of Osteopathy is the only school in the British Empire whose graduates are admitted to the Register and entitled to the use of the letters, M.R.O. (Member of the Register of Osteopaths).

The highest status attainable, therefore, is the possession of a Diploma (D.O.) of a school or college recognised by the Council, together with Membership of the Register of Osteopaths (M.R.O.) The names of those osteopaths who hold these qualifications are included in an Official Register published annually for public reference.

The School

The British School of Osteopathy was founded in 1915 and incorporated in 1917 and is the only School of Osteopathy in the British Empire.

The School is conveniently situated within a few minutes' walk of St. James's Park and Victoria Stations and Victoria Street 'bus routes.

The building is well-equipped with lecture halls, demonstration rooms, X-ray department, minor surgery, laboratory, students' library and common-rooms, and a separate Clinic Annexe.

The course of study covers four years with entrance qualifications of preliminary education as required by all professions of standing. In another part of this prospectus the full curriculum is given. It is impossible to make osteopathic education a part-time study by evening classes or correspondence courses and to enter upon either is a waste of time and money.

Clinical Training

Clinical practice is a very important part of the School training. It affords the student wide experience in case-taking, osteopathic and general diagnosis and the care and management of patients. A wide variety of types of cases attend the Clinic and full opportunity is given to Students to see the patients during examination and treatment. The Senior Students carry out examination and treatment of patients under the direction and supervision of the qualified Staff. About 15,000 treatments are given annually in the General Clinic and its special departments.

Fees

Fees are payable in advance, one-third of the year's fees being due on the first day of each term.

Enrolment Fee	2 *guineas* (*payable on registration*)
First Year	*Fees of external school only*
Second Year	54 *guineas*
Third Year	75 *guineas*
Fourth Year	75 *guineas*
Final Examination Fee . .	3 *guineas*

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION, TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION

1. Candidates shall furnish evidence of good character.

2. Candidates shall have passed the Matriculation examination, or its equivalent, or shall furnish evidence of a satisfactory educational standard.

3. Candidates who have passed the Higher School Certificate in one or more of the First Year subjects—Chemistry, Physics and Biology—will be exempted from the subjects in which they have passed.

4. Students who have satisfactory records in other recognised osteopathic schools, or in a medical school, may be admitted to the School with advanced standing. No student will be graduated from the School unless he has completed the fourth year work satisfactorily and passed the Final Examination.

5. The regular course of study covers four years in full time attendance, the first and second years being devoted mainly to the basic sciences as required of medical students, the third and fourth years to the Theory and Practice of Osteopathy, Osteopathic Technique, Specialities and general clinical practice.

6. Students and graduates in Medicine and Surgery will be credited with the work they have already done but must complete the course in Theory and Practice and Technique of Osteopathy with general clinical practice.

7. Clinical practice and training is an absolute requirement. Demonstrations are held daily on the cases presented in the Clinic for diagnosis and treatment. Every student is required to treat at least 700 osteopathic cases during the third and fourth years before being eligible for graduation.

8. The school year is divided into three terms of approximately thirteen weeks each.

9. Students shall attend at least 70 per cent of all lectures and demonstrations, absence being excusable only on account of illness.

10. Intermediate Examinations are held at the end of the second year in Anatomy and Physiology and of the third year in Osteopathic Diagnosis, Principles of Osteopathy and Dietetics, in which the student shall satisfy the examiners before proceeding to the Final Examination.

11. On completion of the prescribed course, and on compliance with all rules and regulations of the School, and provided he is 21 years of age, the student is allowed to present himself for the qualifying examination. On satisfying the Examiners by written, oral and clinical examinations in Applied Anatomy and Physiology, Principles and Practice of Osteopathy, Osteopathic Technique, Specialities and Minor Surgery, the student is awarded the Diploma of the School, and is entitled to use the letters, D.O. (Diplomate in Osteopathy).

Curriculum

FIRST YEAR

Chemistry—Inorganic & Organic
Physics—including Mechanics
Biology

Students take the Pre-Medical Course at a recognised external school, and must pass either the Pre-Medical Examination or an Examination in these subjects conducted by the Board of Examiners.

SECOND YEAR

Anatomy
Physiology
Histology
Embryology
The History of Osteopathy
Introduction to Osteopathic Diagnosis & Technique

Students must pass a written and oral Examination in the non-osteopathic subjects.

THIRD YEAR

Principles of Osteopathy
Practice of Osteopathy
Osteopathic Diagnosis
Osteopathic Technique
Dietetics
Applied Anatomy & Physiology
Comparative Therapeutics
Bacteriology
Pathology
Hygiene
Clinical Practice

Students must pass a written Examination in Applied Anatomy and Physiology Part 1 ; Dietetics and Osteopathic Diagnosis.

FOURTH YEAR

Practice of Osteopathy
Osteopathic Technique
Specialities : Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat, Skin, Genito-urinary
Pediatrics
Gynæcology
Obstetrics—lectures only
Minor Surgery
Osteopathic Orthopædics
Pathology
X-ray Diagnosis
Psychology
Clinical Practice

Students must pass the Final Examinations in Principles, Practice and Technique of Osteopathy, Pathology, Applied Anatomy and Physiology Part 2, and Minor Surgery, including a *Viva-Voce* Clinical Examination.

Synopses

ANATOMY

Systematic and regional anatomy with special stress on indentification of structures and surface markings on the living subject, leading to an understanding of their osteopathic significance.

Study of radiographs of the normal subject.

HISTOLOGY

Identification and functional significance of histological preparations of tissues and organs.

EMBRYOLOGY

Embryological origin of tissues and development of systems and organs.

PHYSIOLOGY

The physiology of respiration, digestion, circulation, nutrition, secretion, heat production and motion. The function of the central and autonomic nervous systems. Reproduction. Elementary biochemistry including the composition of food, secretions, excretions and body fluids.

PRINCIPLES OF OSTEOPATHY

Explanation of the principles upon which osteopathic diagnosis and treatment are based. The Osteopathic Spinal Lesion—its description and local and remote effects and its part in the osteopathic approach to the treatment of disease and the maintenance of health.

OSTEOPATHIC DIAGNOSIS

A detailed study of the mechanics of the vertebral column leading to the definition of the various types of osteopathic lesion of the spine and ribs and of the joints of the extremities and their differential diagnosis.

APPLIED ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

The application of Anatomy and Physiology to osteopathic diagnosis and treatment. Interpretation of disease manifestations in terms of structural and physiological change. Detailed analysis of the applied anatomy and physiology of the articulations of the vertebral column and extremities. Posture and body mechanics. Special attention to the systems concerned in the application of osteopathic theory and manipulative treatment.

This subject occupies two years and the student must pass an examination in two parts : Part I at the end of the third year and Part II during the fourth year.

PRACTICE OF OSTEOPATHY

The study of the acute and chronic diseases of the body systems and their treatment. The application of osteopathic diagnosis and treatment in clinical practice.

DIETETICS

Food in relation to health and disease. Diet therapy, fasting, and the planning of diet in special cases and diseases. Comparative dietetics.

OSTEOPATHIC TECHNIQUE

The theory and practice of the various manipulative measures used to normalise the body tissues and bony articulations. The application of body mechanics to the correction of structural derangements, including very detailed study of the correction of the osteopathic vertebral lesion.

GYNÆCOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS

The diseases of women and their osteopathic and non-surgical treatment.

The care of pregnancy up to but not including parturition. Post-delivery care.

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

The School possesses a fully-equipped department for the radiography of all conditions likely to be met with in clinical practice. A qualified radiographer is in charge, and special attention is given to the radiographical diagnosis of osteopathic conditions. Cases attending the Clinic are radiographed where this is considered to be necessary or advisable, and also for research purposes. In addition, comprehensive X-ray service is maintained for the medical and osteopathic professions. The results of the work of the department are used for demonstration purposes in the training of students in X-ray diagnosis.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The School Academic Year begins in September and is divided into three terms :—

Michaelmas Term ..	*September—December*
Lent Term	*December—March*
Summer Term ..	*April—July*

General Information

THE "DOROTHY WOOD" GOLD MEDAL

The Dorothy Wood Gold Medal is awarded annually to the graduating student whose work shows the highest promise in the Final Examination, clinical work and general professional deportment during his osteopathic training.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES

The Council of Education arranges post-graduate courses in osteopathic subjects which are open to all graduate osteopaths.

APPOINTMENTS

Salaried appointments in the School and Clinic are available annually, for which students may apply on graduation.

THE JOURNAL OF OSTEOPATHY

The Journal of Osteopathy is a quarterly publication, the official organ of the British School of Osteopathy. It deals with matters osteopathic in general and with the School in particular.

OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Membership of this independent Association is open to graduates of the British School of Osteopathy. The Association is established for the purpose of providing a unified organisation of qualified graduates in osteopathy for mutual support and protection, and to encourage research in osteopathic therapeutics.

Membership of the Association entitles the osteopathic practitioner to participate in a legal indemnity insurance policy arranged by the Association on very favourable terms.

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